coached in UPSE and therefore, passed the test and therefore, he was empowered. I don't think there is any methodology available with the Government. So, I don't think I will be able to provide you that figure. As far as your second question is concerned as to whether we should expand the scheme to other institutions, at the moment we have not expanded that scheme because there is a concentration of large minorities and wherever there is concentration of large minorities in large universities like Aligarh Muslim University, I think, it would be a good idea to put the scheme into action there than to go into several other small institutions. But, as and when, we have allocations which are available to us in order to expand this, certainly it is something that the Government is open to.

SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY: Sir, it is a welcome idea of setting up of residential coaching academics for minorities, SCs, STs and women. My question is: when there is more number of minorities available, why are you clubbing SCs, STs and women together in this? Already SCs, STs and women have other institutions for coaching. Why not you have this for minorities so that it will be more helpful to them?

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Sir, in fact these are not the only schemes of the Government of India. The Ministry of Minority Affairs also has several schemes which benefit the minorities. The Social Welfare Ministry also has several schemes which benefit the SCs, STs and the OBCs. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has one such scheme which benefits across the board. But, it is not as if there are no schemes available under Ministries which in fact impact and benefit SCs, STs, OBCs as well as minorities.

*426. [The questioner Shri Ramdas Agarwal was absent. For answer *vide* page 26 infra.]

*427. [The questioner Shri Nand Kumar Sai was absent. For answer *vide* page 26 infra.]

Setting up of world class university in Gujarat

*428. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: ††

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Government of Gujarat has provided land, free of cost, for setting up of world class university in Gandhinagar; and

(b) if so, by when the proposed university will be established?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

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†† [The question was actually asked in the floor of the House by Shri Kanjibhai Patel]

Statement

(a) The State Government of Gujarat has suggested sites in Sabarkantha district for the establishment of an innovation university aiming at world class standards. However, the Scheme of innovation universities envisages establishment of the proposed university at Gandhinagar in view of the required level of connectivity and infrastructure.

(b) 14 Innovation Universities, including one at Gandhinagar, are slated for establishment over 11th and 12th Five Year Plan periods.

श्री कांजीभाई पटेल : सर, दुनिया के मानचित्र पर तेजी से उभर रहे गुजरात में विश्व विद्यालय स्थापित करने का केन्द्र का जो निर्णय है, उसका हम स्वागत करते हैं, लेकिन अभी तक इसकी लोकेशन फाइनल नहीं हुई है। मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि इसकी लोकेशन कब तक फाइनल होगी और कब तक यह यूनिवर्सिटी स्टार्ट होगी।

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Sir, as far as the location of this university is concerned; the Gujarat Government has suggested some sites in Sabarkantha district. But, in accordance with the decisions that we have taken, we believe that these universities should be at places where there is connectivity. There is no point setting up innovation universities and world-class universities where there is no availability of connectivity. They should be in places where there is urban infrastructure, where there is education infrastructure, where there is social infrastructure. Therefore, we suggested that this university should be set up near Gandhinagar and the State Government will then respond to us and give us sites in Gandhinagar. As and when that happens, we will be more than happy to carry on with the inspection.

श्री कांजीभाई पटेल : सर, साबरकांठा डिस्ट्रिक्ट बिल्कुल गांधीनगर से सटा हुआ है और इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर की दृष्टि से देखा जाए तो, वहां भी उतना ही इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर है, डेवलपमेंट है, जितना की गांधी नगर में है। मैं समझता हूं कि इसको वहां स्थापित करने में कोई आपत्ति नहीं हो सकती है। इसलिए मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि कब तक यह फाइनल होगा और कब तक शुरू होगा?

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Sir, this is something that we have to decide at the level of the Central Government. The State Government should give us various sites in the context in which we have suggested. And, as and when, the sites are given to us, we will, certainly, carryout inspection and when we find the site suitable we will carry forward and set it up.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Formulation of SAPs by States

*426. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States so far formulated State Agriculture Plans (SAPs) by enhancing allocations to agriculture and allied sectors in order to reverse the declining trend;